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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## In re the Application of:

Carsten MUENK *et al.*

Appln. No.: 10/729,069

Filed: December 4, 2003

For: ALPHA-COMPLEMENTATION VIRAL  
FUSION ASSAY

Examiner: Louise Z. Wang

Art Unit: 1648

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to a non-final Office action dated August 23, 2005, setting a shortened statutory time for response expiring on September 23, 2005. This submission is timely filed before September 23, 2005 and therefore no fee is due. The Office required restriction and species elections in the Office action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for the restriction and species elections and the following elections, amendments and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration respectfully is requested.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper (along with anything referred to as being attached) is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage via first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

  
Bruce Grant23 SEPTEMBER 2005  
Date